

**EVERY DAY MADE A HOLIDAY BY HUERTA TO CHECK BANK RUN**

Institutions Thus Absolved from Meeting Any Obligation Until January Two.

**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ISSUED**  
Executive Says Such Action Necessary as Measure of Protection

**FEDERALS REPORT "SUCCESSSES"**  
Advices of Victories at Tampico and Mazatlan Reach Capital.

**COMMUNICATIONS RESTORED**  
Railroads and Wires in Northern Mexico Practically in Operation, According to Carranza's Minister.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—By a presidential decree issued this afternoon every day including today until the end of the present year is made a legal holiday in order to check the run on the banks, particularly that on the bank of London and Mexico.

On the promulgation of this decree the bank of London and Mexico opened its doors, but refrained from paying deposits. Provisional President Hicrta says in the decree he deems such action necessary to protect the banks until public confidence is more nearly restored. By the decree the banks are absolved from meeting any obligation until January 2, it applies to all banking houses whether a bank of issue or not.

With the exception of the bank of London and Mexico, and the Central bank, none as yet have taken advantage of the decree and business at the other institutions is being conducted as usual. Crowds gathered about the doors of the two banks mentioned, but there was no disorder. Both banks are being strongly guarded by police.

**Federals Report Victory.**  
Federal successes at Tepico and Mazatlan on the Pacific coast of Mexico are reported in official advices received here today.

The rebels are said to have been severely punished in a fight with the federal troops about nine miles from Tepico, the capital of the territory of the same name, while the federal forces which had been besieged at Mazatlan for many weeks are said to have assumed the aggressive and to be forcing the rebels back toward Culiacan, capital of the state of Sinaloa.

**Robels Control Three States.**  
HERMOSILLO, Sonora, Dec. 22.—Communications by rail and wire have been practically restored throughout northwestern Mexico, according to a communication received today by Ignacio Bonillas, secretary of communications in General Carranza's provisional cabinet. This is assisting materially the constitutional campaign by putting the various insurgent leaders in close touch with the general headquarters here.

Telegraphic lines have been restored in the states of Sinaloa, Sonora, Chihuahua and Durango, which comprise a section in northwestern Mexico about 500 miles long and about 500 miles wide. In this territory the federalists hold only the coast towns of Guaymas, on the Gulf of California, and Mazatlan, on the Pacific ocean. Constitutional officials assert that only the presence of two federal gunboats on the coast has prevented the capture of these ports.

**Secretary Bonillas announced that** within a few days telegraphic communication will be restored between Nogales, on the Arizona-Sonora border, and Juarez, on the Texas-Chihuahua border, by way of Torreon, 700 miles south of the international line. Already the border telegraph lines between Hermosillo and Chihuahua City have been put in working order.

General Carranza received from his home at Saltillo, Coahuila, news that his sisters, Ursula, Hermelinda and Mariana De Carranza, had been forced to ride upon a federal troop train. This followed previous reports that federalists had compelled the wives of constitutionalist officers to ride on patrol trains to prevent the capture of these ports.

**The Weather**

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.  
Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday:

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| 5 a. m.  | 14 |
| 6 a. m.  | 15 |
| 7 a. m.  | 15 |
| 8 a. m.  | 15 |
| 9 a. m.  | 15 |
| 10 a. m. | 15 |
| 11 a. m. | 15 |
| 12 m.    | 15 |
| 1 p. m.  | 15 |
| 2 p. m.  | 15 |
| 3 p. m.  | 15 |
| 4 p. m.  | 15 |
| 5 p. m.  | 15 |
| 6 p. m.  | 15 |
| 7 p. m.  | 15 |

Comparative Local Record.

|                   |      |      |      |
|-------------------|------|------|------|
| Highest yesterday | 19   | 20   | 23   |
| Lowest yesterday  | 14   | 21   | 25   |
| Mean temperature  | 17   | 22   | 23   |
| Precipitation     | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

|                                |    |    |    |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Normal temperature             | 48 | 48 | 49 |
| Deficiency for the day         | 33 | 33 | 34 |
| Total excess since March 1     | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| Normal precipitation           | 48 | 48 | 49 |
| Deficiency for the day         | 33 | 33 | 34 |
| Total deficiency since March 1 | 21 | 21 | 21 |

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

| Station and State    | Temp. | High. | Rain. |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cheyanne, clear      | 15    | 25    | 0.00  |
| Davenport, clear     | 20    | 34    | 0.00  |
| Denver, cloudy       | 22    | 32    | 0.00  |
| Des Moines, cloudy   | 20    | 32    | 0.00  |
| Dodge City, clear    | 20    | 34    | 0.00  |
| Lander, cloudy       | 20    | 34    | 0.00  |
| North Platte, clear  | 18    | 28    | 0.00  |
| Omaha, cloudy        | 20    | 34    | 0.00  |
| Pueblo, cloudy       | 22    | 36    | 0.00  |
| St. Louis, clear     | 22    | 36    | 0.00  |
| Salt Lake City, snow | 28    | 38    | 0.00  |
| Santa Fe, cloudy     | 18    | 28    | 0.00  |
| Shelburne, clear     | 20    | 34    | 0.00  |
| Sioux City, clear    | 20    | 34    | 0.00  |
| Valentine, clear     | 24    | 40    | 0.00  |

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

**Public Ownership of Phones Presents No Great Problems**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Government ownership of the nation's telephone lines would cost less than \$200,000,000 and would present no greater difficulties of financing than did the Panama canal. Representative Lewis of Maryland told the house today in an exhaustive analysis of his proposal to have those lines operated by the Postoffice department.

Mr. Lewis, who took a leading part in the establishment of the parcel post and who has made a study with postoffice officials of government ownership of the electrical lines of communication does not propose to have the government take over the telegraph companies. His plan is to have the government first own the telephonic network of the country, operate some of the telephone lines as telegraphs, as is now possible under modern mechanical conditions, and have the government system compete with the private telegraph companies at the outset in the same proportion as the parcel post competes with the express companies.

"The perversion of the laws and private financing," said Lewis, "is a heritage of their normal functions. It is led to such corruption and demoralization that cities like New York, with its street railways, Philadelphia with its gas works and San Francisco with its telephones, have shamed over the scions of Roman corruption in their most dishonorable days."

Although Postmaster General Burleson in his annual report favored the people of government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines, President Wilson has not taken a position on the question and has not made up his mind.

The postmaster general had a long conference with the president today, and it was understood that one of the subjects under discussion. It is not believed that the administration will take any definite position on the subject now.

After his conference with the president, Mr. Burleson manifested an indisposition to discuss the subject.

"It will take some time," he said, however, "to work the problem out and to get facts and figures on it."

The postmaster general indicated that he was in no hurry to press his recommendation and that he would make a complete survey of the subject before further expressing himself on it. It is certain, however, that the subject will not be pressed by the administration at this time and the president's desire not to take a position of his own was taken generally to mean that he did not consider it of immediate importance.

**STORM DELAYS BIG STEAMER IN PACIFIC**

Canadian Pacific Ltd. Mount Eagle Hove for Twenty-Four Hours in Midcoast.

**WAVES SWEEP OVER VESSEL**  
Huge Seas Threaten to Wreck Deck Fittings and Cabin.

**HOU LING EASTERLY GALE RAGES**  
Subsides Somewhat and Boat Proceeds Slowly on Way.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 22.—With huge seas sweeping clear over her and threatening to wreck her deck fittings and cabins, the big Canadian Pacific steamship Montclair, Captain Hailey, had to behave to in mid-Pacific on her present outward voyage from Vancouver to Hong Kong, according to word brought in by officers of the Empress of Asia, which berthed yesterday.

While the Empress was reefing off eighteen and one-half knots an hour, a wireless message was received from the Montclair, stating that she was hove to in latitude 33 north and longitude 120 west, with a howling easterly gale raging and a terrific sea sweeping clear over her.

The Montclair ran into dirty weather as soon as she passed outside Cape Flattery. Southeast gales battered the ship and the disagreeable conditions reached their height when the liner was in mid-Pacific. The ship was hove to for about twenty-four hours when the storm subsided, somewhat, and enabled her to proceed at slow speed.

**Report of the Death of Emperor Menelik is True This Time**

ADDIS ABABA, Abyssinia, Dec. 22.—It was officially announced here today that Emperor Menelik is dead.

Emperor Menelik II had been reported dead on many occasions, but this is the first time an official announcement has been published. Rumors of the occurrence had been in circulation for several days in the European capitals, but were received with skepticism.

Emperor Menelik was born at Ankobar on July 17, 1844. He was a son of Isseel Medseho, king of Showa, and was reputed a direct descendant of the queen of Sheba and King Solomon. When his father died, Menelik for only 12 years old. The throne of Abyssinia was seized by Kasal, governor of Kondor, who took Menelik captive and proclaimed himself emperor, but Menelik escaped and became ruler of the Kingdom of Showa.

Menelik became famous chiefly in connection with the war between Abyssinia and Italy when he organized an army of 70,000 men and defeated the Italians in a series of battles, dictating his own terms of peace. One of the fiercest battles of the war was fought at Adowa on March 3, 1896, when the Italians lost more than 1,200 whites and 2,000 native troops in killed and wounded. The Abyssinians admitted a loss of 3,000 men.

Menelik declared himself a Christian and maintained a church establishment in which there was a mixture of Christianity and heathenism.

The heir to the throne, Prince Lidl Jesusu is only 15 years of age. He is said to possess great intelligence and speak English, French and German. He was chosen several years ago by Menelik himself as his apparent. The late monarch is said to have possessed a private fortune of \$5,000,000.

**Murders Boy to Get Money to Buy Presents for Girl**

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—Need of money to buy a Christmas present for his sweetheart, Charlie Treadway of Bundy, Cal., is the reason Louis Harold Ziesche, a drug store messenger boy, 18 years old, who was lured to a lonely spot Friday night and beaten to death.

Bundy is a former student of Occidental college and a foot ball and base ball player, the police say. His confession, according to the police, is this:

"Expecting his sweetheart to arrive in Los Angeles that evening he planned to obtain \$20. So he gave the drug store messenger boy, Ziesche, a telephone delivery order, asking that the boy be given \$20 in change, as he, Bundy, had only a \$20 bill.

"He had to bill Ziesche when he robbed him, so Bundy's alleged confession runs, for Ziesche knew him and would have caused his arrest. Accordingly Bundy beat him over the head with a pick handle, dragged the body into a ravine and struck the messenger again with a rock.

"Bundy had hardly gone a dozen yards from the scene when he dropped the purse he took from his victim. He did not dare go back for it.

"Ziesche came here from Norfolk, Neb., a few months ago.

"NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 22.—Harold Ziesche lived here until a few years ago. His father, E. W. Ziesche, was a cigar manufacturer here. E. B. Ziesche of Norfolk is an uncle of the boy.

**Revenge Probably Motive for Murder**

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Revenge may lie back of the murder here yesterday of Thomas Scheer, according to a story told the police today by the widow, Mrs. Susan Scheer.

A year ago, she said, her husband, a wealthy meat dealer, was serving an Armenian. As the butcher's cleaver was descending, the Armenian pointed his finger at the cut he wanted and the digit was severed.

"The Armenian demanded \$100 damages which my husband refused to pay," said Mrs. Scheer. Then the Armenian said he would get my husband's cold.

Scheer was waylaid and shot, but \$25 in his purse was not taken.

**Warrant is Issued for Kansas Banker**

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 22.—A warrant for the arrest of C. G. Ricker, former president of the defunct Yates Center National bank of Yates Center, Kan., has been issued, government officials here said today. They said shortages and liabilities would amount to \$125,000, and that Mr. Ricker had disappeared from his home in Yates Center.

**WILLIAM ASTOR CHANLER UNDERGOES OPERATION**

PARIS, Dec. 22.—William Astor Chanler today underwent an operation for a fractured knee. It was successfully performed by Dr. C. N. DuBouchet, who removed a clot of blood. The patient was very feebler afterward, but there were no other unfavorable symptoms. It was reported on December 8 that Mr. Chanler was lying seriously ill at the American hospital at Neuilly, a suburb of Paris, as a result of an automobile accident in which he was injured until today.

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**Misses Pankhurst Quarrel Over Funds**

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, left London yesterday for Paris on the way to Switzerland to recuperate from her weakness brought about by "hunger and thirst strike" in Holloway jail, from which she was released on December 17. Her departure was not accompanied by any of the usual demonstrations.

Rumors were in circulation today that relations were strained between Miss Sylvia Pankhurst and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, the two daughters of the militant leader, in consequence of Miss Sylvia's determination to concentrate her campaign in the east end of London and in efforts to co-operate with the members of the labor party.

Miss Christabel disapproves of this scheme and is said to be withholding funds.

**MME. SCHUMANN HEINK FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE**

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Suit for divorce was filed here today by Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the opera singer, against her husband, William Rapp. Desertion is the charge. They were married here in May, 1905, and the singer since has made Chicago her residence. Rapp deserted her two years ago, she alleges. They had no children.

Temperamental and family differences are said to have estranged the Rapps. Madame Schumann-Heink had eight children by her two former marriages. That she would seek a divorce from Rapp has been known for some time to her friends.

Rapp is said to be in New York. He is a lawyer 40 years old, and is a man of means. His father was a prominent German newspaper man and was editor of the Chicago Staats Zeitung when he died about six years ago.

**SUPREME COURT TAKES RECESS TO JANUARY FIVE**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The supreme court recessed today to January 5, when decisions in several important cases are expected.

**The Telephone Unmerger**



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

**Castro, Accused of Patterson Assault, Released on Bonds**

Salvatore Castro, suspected of having assaulted James Patterson, Union Pacific shop foreman, with a hammer, was released from custody on a \$5,000 bond by District Judge Leslie as a result of habeas corpus proceedings instituted by him. No complaint had been filed against Castro by the police during an investigation conducted by Chief of Detectives Maloney, but he will be taken before the police magistrate today. Judge Leslie ordered Castro to appear this morning.

In the presence of Detectives Leher and Sullivan, Castro was placed along side of Patterson's bed and Patterson was asked if Castro was the man who assaulted him. Patterson answered in the affirmative two times, avowing that Castro was the man who had struck him over the head.

Patterson's condition at St. Joseph's hospital is still very critical, although he has been slightly improving. His injury consists of a triple fracture of the skull, the wounds being inflicted by a hammer. The wounds are such that no predictions can be made as to the victim's probable condition for any length of time. Police officials fear he may never recover.

**Federal Commission Asks for Records in Thaw Lunacy Case**

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 22.—Certified copies of all records of the Mattewan insane hospital relating to Harry K. Thaw since his commitment to that institution have been requested of William K. Jerome, special deputy attorney general of New York in the legal fight to secure Thaw's return to the New York jurisdiction. The request was made today by the commission appointed by the federal court to determine whether Thaw's mental condition would make his release on bail a menace to public safety.

**Omaha Electrician is Killed in Train Wreck**

RAWLINS, Wyo., Dec. 22.—Two men were killed and other passengers very slightly injured in a head-on collision between a Union Pacific freight train and the eastbound Los Angeles Limited train No. 8 near Black Buttes, Wyo., early today. Both trains were traveling rapidly and the freight engine and two baggage cars of the passenger train were badly damaged.

The dead were Thomas Moore, Rawlins, fireman on the freight train, and F. C. Kress, the train electrician, of Omaha. The wreck occurred in a dense fog and no statement concerning its cause has been given out.

**SUIT IS FILED AGAINST SANTA FE FOR MILLION**

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Dec. 22.—Attorney General Barker filed suit here today to recover from the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad \$1,000,000 contained in excess passenger and freight charges.

**CHRISTMAS TREE IS IN PLACE**

Program is Completed for the Big Municipal Celebration.

**MAYOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION**  
Electric Light Company is Installing Thousands of Lights to Illuminate Giant Pine from the North Woods.

Decorations and electric lights on the municipal Christmas tree are being put in place and Mayor James C. Dahlman has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of Omaha to join in the celebration around the tree in the court house square Christmas eve. The proclamation follows:

**Proclamation.**  
On Christmas eve there will be a municipal tree on the court house grounds, which will be free for everyone to enjoy. Much energy and money have been spent to give each of us a chance to enjoy their city tree in its splendor and joy.

Now, to make it a success, everyone should come. But aside little private celebrations for a part of the evening and join in the whole rejoicing of the city.

It is to teach the true meaning of "peace on earth, good will to men." The tree with its lights, the music, the opening of the court house doors for rich and poor alike.

In foreign lands the city does things for the people as a whole, and the people love their city tree in its splendor and joy.

It is hoped that the municipal Christmas tree will help arouse and keep alive that spirit in this country.

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The name of the promoter of this splendid entertainment is to be kept a secret until later. Come and join the crowd and be merry.

**BROKER'S CLERK PLEADS GUILTY TO FORGERY**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 22.—James E. Foye, formerly a clerk in the employ of the Farmers Loan and Trust company of New York City, pleaded guilty in criminal court here today to four bills of indictment charging him with fraudulently making written instruments and uttering and publishing them, and also with obtaining \$20,000 by false pretenses from the brokerage firm of Charles T. Brown & Co. of Philadelphia. Sentence was deferred. Last month Foye obtained about \$20,000 in loans from local banking concerns on forged stock certificates. All the money has been recovered except \$2,700.

**MISSOURI MAN WOUNDS WIFE AND KILLS SELF**

TULSA, Okl., Dec. 22.—Lewis T. Rea of Carvelton, Mo., shot and probably fatally injured his wife, Blanche Rea, then shot himself to death in a hotel here early today. Both Rea and his wife are said to be prominently connected in Missouri.

**RAMPOLLA'S WILL IS REPORTED STOLEN**

ROME, Dec. 22.—A rumor is current in Vatican circles that a box supposed to contain the will and other important papers of the late Cardinal Rampolla has disappeared.

**The National Capital**

Monday, December 22, 1913.

**The Senate.**  
Met at noon.  
Conference report on the administration currency bill taken up for approval.  
Conference report on currency bill submitted by Senator Owen.  
Recessed at 5:30 p. m. to 9 p. m.

**The House.**  
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Representative Moore of Pennsylvania urged foreign affairs committee to seek official information of alleged discriminations against Jews in Rumania.  
Conference report currency bill submitted by Representative Glass.

**APPLICATIONS FROM OMAHA LOCAL BANKERS AMONG THOSE MCAODOO RECEIVES COMMUNICATIONS FROM.**

Local Bankers Among Those McAdoo Receives Communications From.

**NATIONALS GETTING INTO LINE**  
Directors of One of Largest Institutions in New England Urged by Executive Committee to Accept Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—What treasury officials regarded as an indication of how financial circles will receive the new federal currency system came today from Boston in a message to Secretary McAdoo from the National Shawmut bank, one of the largest institutions in New England. The message declared the executive committee of the bank had voted to advise its directors to accept the new law and enter the system.

Receipt at the treasury of scores of informal applications from all parts of the country led Mr. McAdoo to believe that there can be no question now that a large part of the national banks intend to come into the system. There are about 7,600 national banks in the United States and not more than a few hundred have wired their intention to apply for membership in the federal system, but a rush of applications is expected as soon as the bill is signed by President Wilson. Many of the banks, realizing that they cannot get in the first application and not caring particularly about the relative position they may obtain are understood to be awaiting the signing of the bill.

Applications today came from the following cities: Waterloo, Ia.; Boston, Omaha, Westfield, N. J.; Chattanooga, Madison, Wis.; Lynchburg, Va.; Ottumwa, Ia.; Wilmington, Del.; Huntington and Springfield, Ill.; Marion, Ind.; Columbia and Sedalia, Mo.; St. Johns, Ore.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Topeka and Parsons, Kan.

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**COMPTROLLER GOES ON BOARD**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Although administration leaders in congress held every effort for a speedy approval of the currency bill today, that it might be hurried to the White House for President Wilson's signature before night, a series of delays developed to hamper their progress.

Printed copies of the conference report were late coming from the printers, and the parliamentary situation in both the house and the senate seemed to favor delay. Democrats in both houses were prepared, however, to ask for speedy approval of the disputed points agreed on by house and senate conferees, with the hope of getting the bill out of the way in time for President Wilson to leave for his Christmas vacation in Mississippi tomorrow.

**Conference Committee Agrees.**  
The currency bill in its final form was reported in both houses of congress today to be written into law. The members of the conference committee which labored until dawn this morning threatening out the differences between the two houses, presented a perfect measure which followed closely the lines laid down by President Wilson in his demands for currency reform.

The conferees agreed on practically all of the fundamentals of the measure as it passed the senate, including the provision that no less than eight nor more than twelve regional banks should be created. The reserve requirements for banks entering the system which had been slightly let down by the senate was strengthened in conference, an amendment allowing the use of the present bank notes and the proposed federal reserve notes in any change being stricken out. In order to make the change, the house conferees called in Representative Bulkley of Ohio, a member of the house banking committee who made an extended argument to show that the provision was unnecessary.

**Comptroller on Board.**  
The last long drawn out struggle of the conference resulted from the administration's determination that the comptroller of the currency should be given a place on the federal reserve board which will control the new system. The senate conferees were evenly divided on this proposition, three senators joining with the house members of the committee in supporting the administration's contention. It was nearly daylight when a single shifting vote brought the conference to a close.

The conference accepted the senate amendment providing for the gold reserve behind the new notes to be issued from 33 1/2 per cent as fixed in the house bill, to 40 per cent, with a graduated tax on depletion as arranged in the senate. It was understood that President Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo let the conferees know that they favored an increase.

A compromise plan for retiring the 2 per cent bonds on which the present currency is based was written into the bill by the conferees. Under the plan \$30,000,000 worth of these bonds will be purchased each year, beginning two years after the system is placed in operation by the new regional banks from the present national banks. On one-half of its holdings each regional bank may issue currency. The remainder will be refunded in 2 per cent thirty-year bonds or 3 per cent one-year treasury notes, which the banks must agree to renew each year for thirty years.

Another senate amendment that was crushed out in the conference was the proposal to guarantee bank deposits.

**Special Bill for Bank Guarantees.**  
The elimination of the federal guarantee of bank deposits from the new currency bill is to be followed soon by the introduction of a separate bill to establish such a guarantee. Chairman Owen of the senate banking committee expects to introduce it early next month.

Under the conference agreement cities where regional reserve banks are to be located will be selected by the secretary of the treasury, the secretary of agriculture.

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**CONFERENCE REPORT PROBABLY WILL BE HELD UP IN CONGRESS**

Indications that Currency Bill May Not Be Passed Tuesday as Planned by Leaders.

**COMMITTEE MAKES ITS REPORT**  
Final Agreement is Reached After All Night Session.

**COMPTROLLER GOES ON BOARD**  
Item Backed by Wilson Causes Severe Hours' Deadlock.

**GOLD RESERVE IS INCREASED**  
Percentage Behind New Notes is Raised to Forty Per Cent, with Graduated Tax as Proposed by the Senate.

**Think Again**

Don't let Christmas morning come and then realize that in the rush you have forgotten to buy a gift for mother or daughter or uncle or cousin or John or Mary. All your plans for the day will be spoiled if you make a mistake like that.

Think again about each person to whom you have planned to give a present and make sure you have not overlooked anyone.

If you have forgotten something, consult The Bee and look over the advertisements for suggestions. You will find plenty of them; all your plans are offering useful and beautiful articles. Read about them today and rectify your mistakes before it is too late.

**HEAVY SNOW IN THE SOUTH, ACCORDING TO WEATHER MAN**

A heavy snow is indicated by the weather forecast for western Kansas, northern and western Missouri, southern Iowa and southeastern Nebraska. The storm is general over the lower Mississippi valley and is progressing northeast rapidly.

**STORES KEEPING OPEN NOW UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK**

Retail stores remained open until 10 o'clock last night for the accommodation of Christmas shoppers, and will remain open until that hour tonight and Wednesday night. For three days last week stores stayed open until 9 o'clock, and were crowded until the last minute, but last night the swarm of late shoppers was far larger than any evening last week. All of the stores seemed to enjoy the big trade which Santa Claus and cold weather have so enhanced.